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A total obsession with power drives him. . . to control the forces of the universe.
He is the Mad Titan. He is. . .

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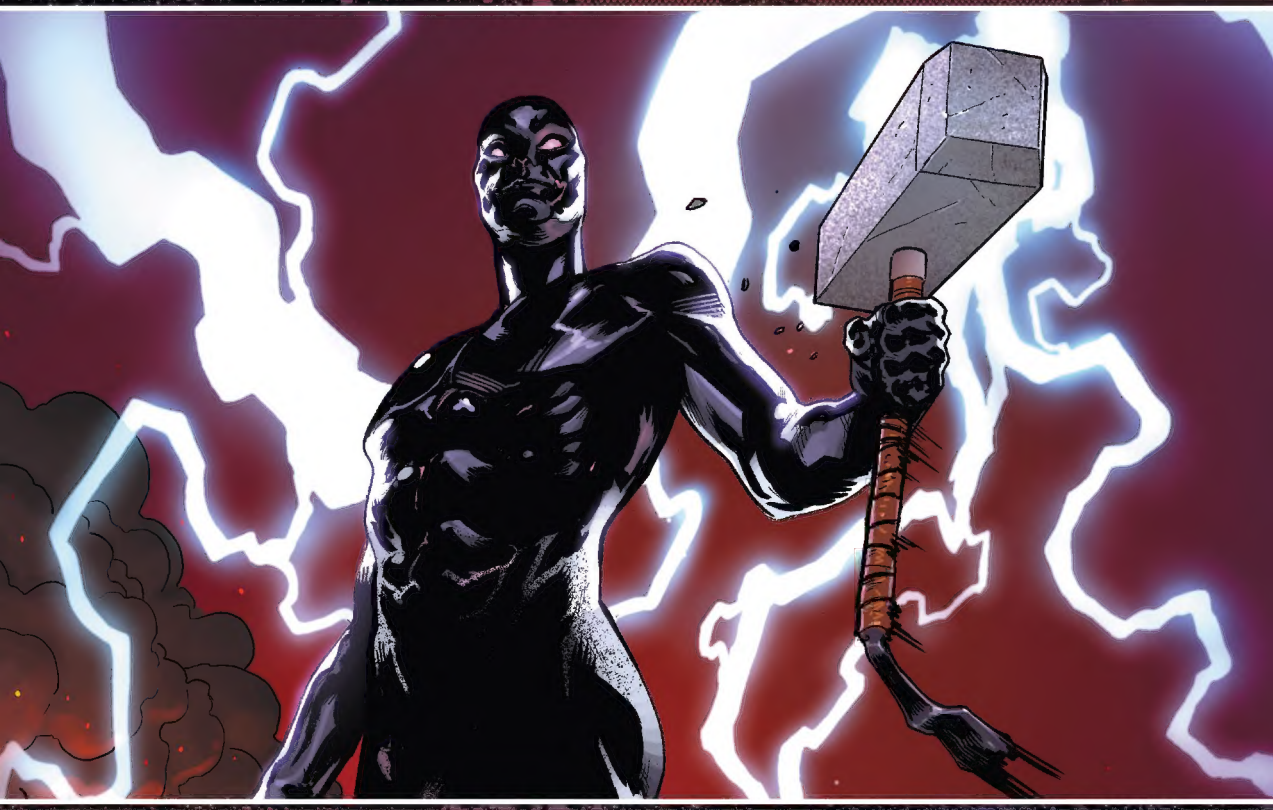

Thanos has been dragged to the end of time and come face-to-face with himself — King Thanos, who has demanded the help of his younger self in a last gambit to win the love of Death: killing the Fallen One.

But the Fallen One has spent millennia becoming worthy to wield a secret weapon...the hammer Mjolnir!

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THE TALE OF THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS NORRIN RADD IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD.
IT BEGINS AS A TALE OF HONOR AND LOVE. OF A DOOMED PLANET. A RAVENOUS GOD. A NOBLE SACRIFICE...
YOU KNOW THIS STORY, AND UNDOUBTEDLY YOU KNOW THE LEGENDS THAT COME AFTER HIS ASCENSION.
HIS TIME AS A HERALD. HIS TREASON AGAINST THE DEVOURER. HIS TIME AS A HERO. AS A DEFENDER.
BUT YOU DO NOT KNOW THIS STORY.
YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD OF THE SURFER'S FALL FROM THE HEAVENS. HIS BATTLES WITH GODS.
YOU HAVE NEVER HEARD THE TALE OF HIS REDEMPTION INSIDE THE SHATTERED GATES OF ASGARD.
AND YOU NEVER WILL.
BECAUSE ONCE HIS WAR WITH THE TWIN TITANS IS OVER...

...THERE WILL BE NO ONE LEFT ALIVE TO TELL IT.
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU WITH THAT HAMMER, NORRIN.
I SEE TIME HAS NOT QUELLED THAT DELUSIONAL EGO OF YOURS, THANOS.
YOU WILL NEVER BE WORTHY OF THIS HAMMER. NOT IF YOU LIVED A MILLION YEARS MORE...
BUT WORRY NOT, TITAN. IF YOU WISH TO BE WITH MJOLNIR...
...I WILL LEAVE IT TO MARK YOUR GRAVE.
RMMNBBLL
AH, @#$&.
RMMNBBLL

KRAKA-
BOOM
AGH!
AGHHHH!
BOOM
GAH!
VWWAAM

NO!
AGGGGHHH!
BOOOOOMM
CRSH

HEY, CHROME DOME! I THINK YOU FORGOT SOMETHING...
...YOU AIN'T THE ONLY HERALD IN THE HOUSE.
RATATATATAT
I DID NOT FORGET...

...I JUST DON'T CARE.

YOU HAVEN'T WON ANYTHING, SURFER.
YOU'VE JUST UNLEASHED SOMETHING YOU CANNOT HOPE TO CONTAIN.
I HAVE BEEN BEATING BACK THE FURY OF THANOS FOR EONS, CHILD. I ASSURE YOU, I AM MORE THAN READY TO FACE THE--
HEH, YOU FOOL.
I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE OLD MAN.
IS THAT SO? THEN TELL ME, WHAT IS IT THAT I HAVE...
RUMMMBLLE
...UNLEASHED?
RMMMMMMBBLLLE

HULK KILL!

KOSH
BOOM
BRUCE?

HULK KILL!
BRUCE, LISTEN TO ME!
RAGHHH!
ENOUGH!
BUT PLEASE...PLEASE TRY TO CALM DOWN. YOU'LL ONLY HURT YOURSELF.
YOU CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE THE FIRST TIME, OLD FRIEND.

HULK KILL!
NO... NO...THIS ISN'T YOU.
...LISTEN TO MY VOICE, BRUCE. FOLLOW ME HOME.
HULK... KILL... KILL...
KILL...
KILL ME.
PLEASE KILL ME.
OH, BRUCE, WHAT HAS THAT MONSTER DONE TO YOU?
D-DON'T LET ME HURT ANYONE... PLEASE...

IT'S OKAY, MY FRIEND. REST.
THIS WILL ALL BE OVER SOON.
LET'S HURRY THIS UP, SHALL WE? I GROW TIRED OF THIS DANCING.
I AM NOT HIDING, THANOS.
COME THEN, LET US--
ONCE AGAIN, SURFER...
...NO ONE IS TALKING TO YOU.

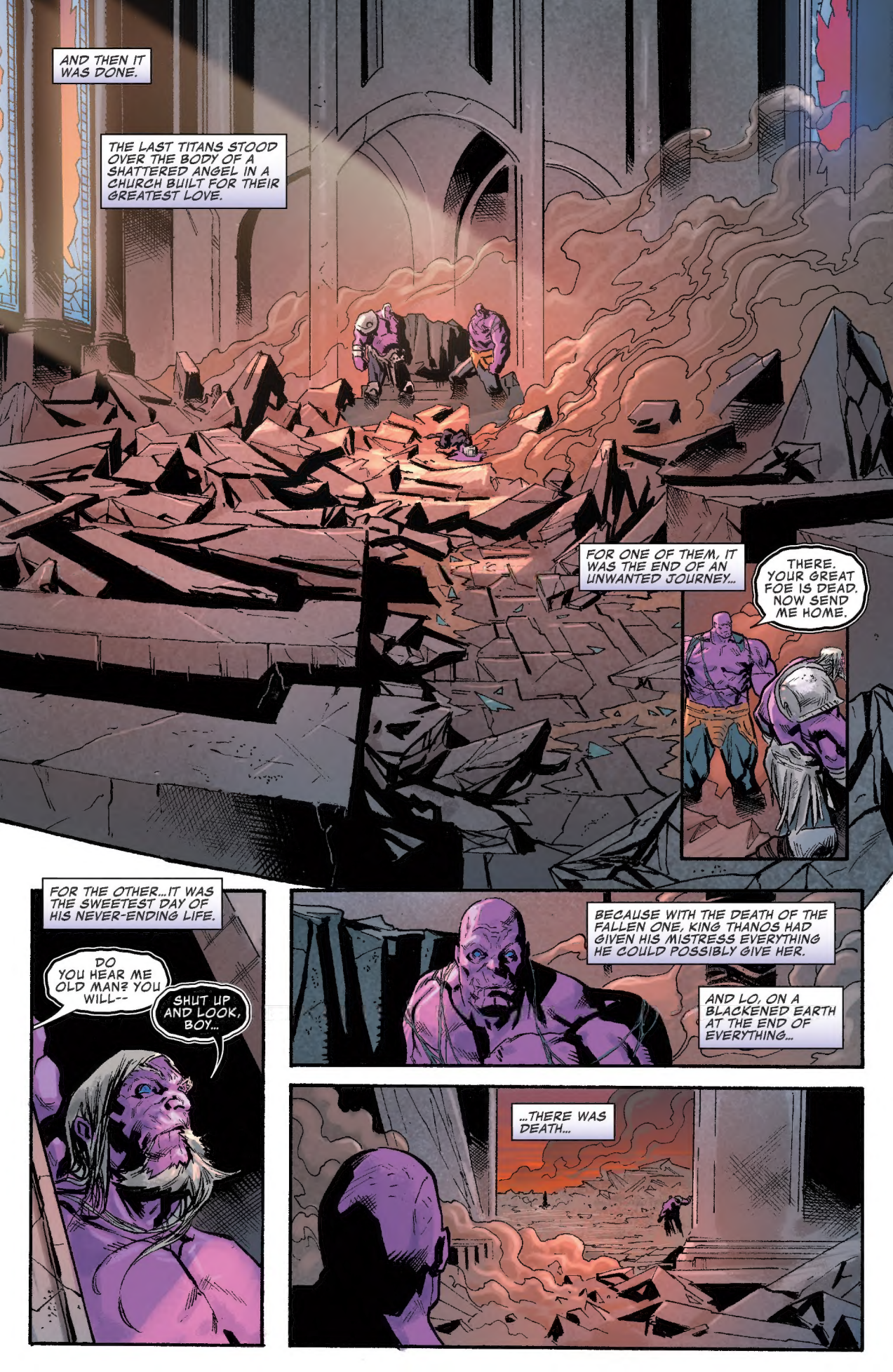
THERE, AT THE END OF TIME, THE LAST SPARK OF HOPE DIED IN SILENCE ON A RUINED EARTH.

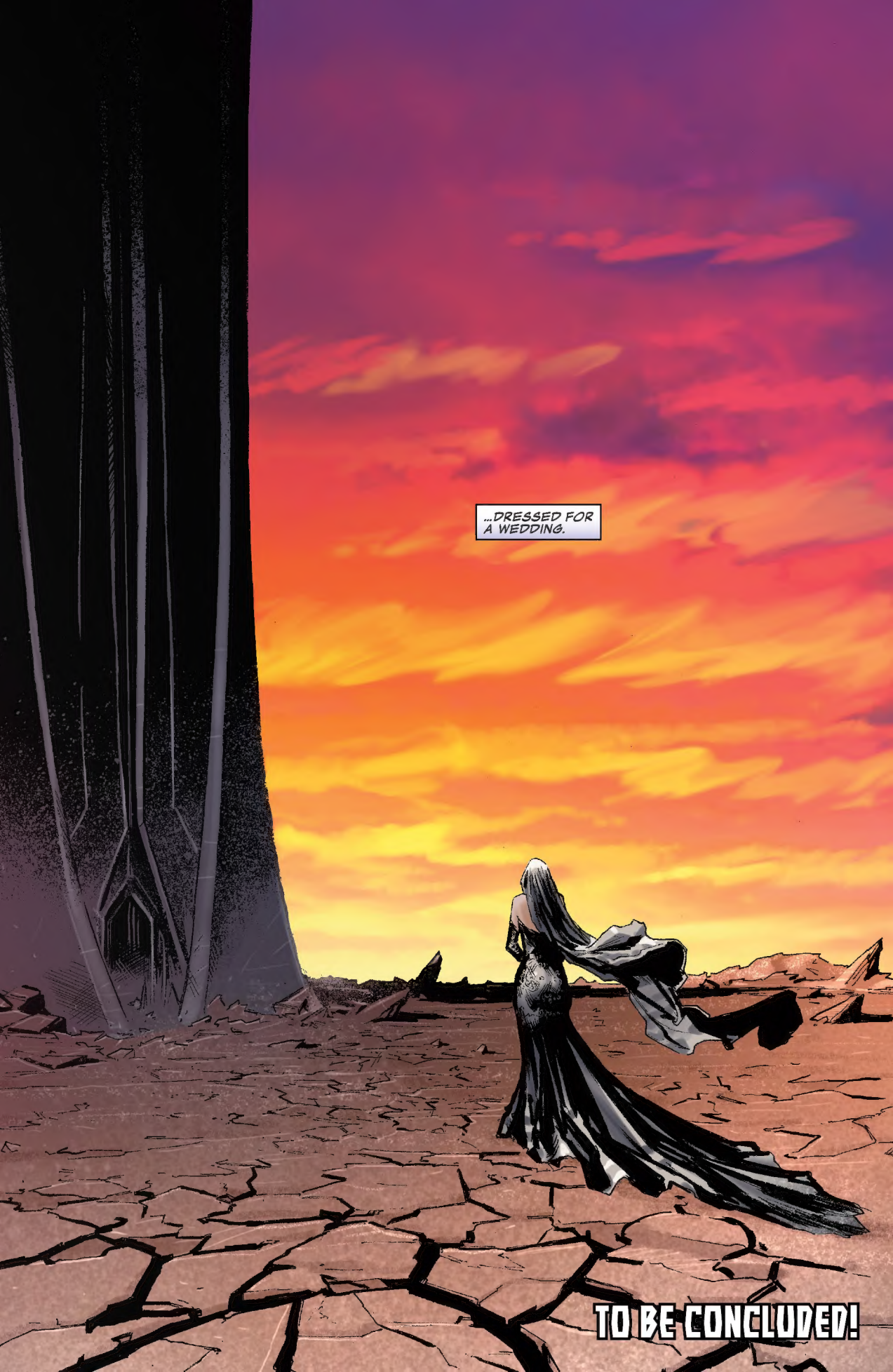
THE FIGHT, IF IT CAN BE CALLED THAT, WAS BRUTAL.
ONE-SIDED. CRUEL.
THE FALLEN ONE NEVER BEGGED OR CRIED.
THE DESTROYERS WENT ABOUT THEIR WORK WITHOUT SPEAKING A WORD. NOT TO THE SURFER. AND NOT TO EACH OTHER.
THEIR MOVEMENTS SO PRECISE AND EXACT, AS IF CHOREOGRAPHED OVER CENTURIES.
FOUR HANDS ON THE SAME BLADE.
TWO BLACK HEARTS SLOWLY BEATING THE SAME METER.

ONE COULD ALMOST BE FORGIVEN FOR FINDING THE BEAUTY IN IT ALL.
RAGGHH!

OF COURSE, NO ONE WAS LEFT ALIVE IN ALL OF EXISTENCE TO WITNESS THE LAST MAD BATTLE OF KING THANOS.
WELL, EXCEPT FOR ONE. BUT SHE WOULD NOT BE STIRRED UNTIL THE TIME WAS RIGHT.
SHE WOULD ARRIVE NEITHER EARLY NOR LATE.
BUT SHE DID WATCH.
AND, AT TIMES... IF IT CAN BE BELIEVED...
WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THAT HAMMER?

...SHE LAUGHED.


AND THEN IT WAS DONE.
THE LAST TITANS STOOD OVER THE BODY OF A SHATTERED ANGEL IN A CHURCH BUILT FOR THEIR GREATEST LOVE.
FOR ONE OF THEM, IT WAS THE END OF AN UNWANTED JOURNEY...
THERE. YOUR GREAT FOE IS DEAD. NOW SEND ME HOME.
FOR THE OTHER...IT WAS THE SWEETEST DAY OF HIS NEVER-ENDING LIFE.
DO YOU HEAR ME OLD MAN? YOU WILL--
SHUT UP AND LOOK, BOY...
BECAUSE WITH THE DEATH OF THE FALLEN ONE, KING THANOS HAD GIVEN HIS MISTRESS EVERYTHING HE COULD POSSIBLY GIVE HER.
AND LO, ON A BLACKENED EARTH AT THE END OF EVERYTHING...
...THERE WAS DEATH...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